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Observer status for the International Hydrographic Organization in the General Assembly

Report of the Sixth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The item entitled "Observer status for the International Hydrographic Organization in the General Assembly" was included in the provisional agenda of the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly at the request of Monaco.

2. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 19 September 2001, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.

3. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 7th and 8th meetings, on 11 and 12 October 2001. The views of the representatives who spoke during the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.6/56/SR.7 and 8).

4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it a letter dated 2 July 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Monaco to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/56/145).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.6/56/L.2

5. At the 7th meeting, on 11 October, the representative of Monaco, on behalf of Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, Ecuador, France, Guatemala, Italy, Monaco, Morocco, the Netherlands, Peru, the Philippines, Poland and Portugal, subsequently joined by Algeria, Bangladesh, Chile, China, Cuba, Egypt, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, Germany, Greece, India, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Mozambique, Norway, Pakistan, Sierra Leone, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, Ukraine, Uruguay and Yugoslavia, introduced a draft

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resolution entitled "Observer status for the International Hydrographic Organization in the General Assembly" (A/C.6/56/L.2).

6. At its 8th meeting, on 12 October, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/56/L.2 without a vote (see para. 7).

III. Recommendation of the Sixth Committee

7. The Sixth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Observer status for the International Hydrographic Organization in the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Wishing to promote cooperation between the United Nations and the International Hydrographic Organization,

1. *Decides* to invite the International Hydrographic Organization to participate in its sessions and its work in the capacity of observer;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary action to implement the present resolution.